



Chairperson Vice-Chair

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Adela Rivera
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez

Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Patrick Fitzgerald
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass

Department Personnel Present

Chief James Barren
DC Leo Powers
Cmdr. Brian Davis
Cmdr. Herbert Moreland
Cmdr. James Tolbert
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Eric Ewing
Cmdr. Lewis Bray
Lt. Darryl Brown
Lt. Charles Mahone
Sgt. Robert Jackson

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Edward Moore
Tom Stidham
Julie Semma

Tijuana Morris
June Lee
Phyllis Hernandez
Janice Golston

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:20p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, February 19, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, February 12, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

Year to Date

26
44
41% Decrease

161
206
22% Decrease

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,233** active investigations, of which **149** of those are for 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 02/19/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
3	12TH PRECINCT	1	3				1		1		6
4	COMMUNICATIONS		2				1			2	5
1	EASTERN		1				1				2
1	GANG ENFORCEMENT		1				1			1	3
1	NARCOTICS						1				1
2	NORTHEASTERN		2							2	4
3	NORTHWESTERN		2				2			2	6
1	SOUTHWESTERN						1				1
1	TRAFFIC		1				1				2
9	Unknown Command		4	1	1		7		1		14
26		1	16	1	1		16		2	7	44

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

- Next meeting:

Thursday, February 26, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien Suite# 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Investigative Operations

On February 7, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 400 block of Savannah regarding an assault; a weapon was recovered and a subject arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Northeastern Investigations, the subject was charged with “Felony Assault,” “Assault With Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm,” and “Assault With Intent to Murder.”

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Central District	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Northwestern District	2	7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
Eastern District	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
Northeastern District	2	13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
		22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
		14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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12th Precinct

On February 10, 2009, while on routine foot patrol in the area of Eight Mile and Manor, officers of the 12th Precinct investigated an individual who had a weapon tucked in his waistband. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Felon in Possession, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 4th." A weapon was confiscated.



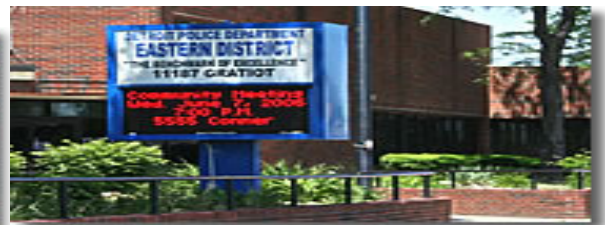
Northwestern District

On February 13, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to W. McNichols and Greenfield on a "Robbery Armed" committed by two suspects. Due to the officers' quick response, both suspects were located and arrested. A weapon was confiscated along with the victim's stolen property. Suspect #1 was charged with "Armed Robbery, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felonious Assault, and Felony Firearm." Suspect #2 was charged with "Armed Robbery."



Central District

On February 9, 2009, officers of the Central District, effected a traffic stop which resulted in the confiscation of a weapon. Neither the driver nor the passenger of the vehicle had a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Both subjects were arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon Motor Vehicle."



Northeastern District

On February 11, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District were called to the 8300 block of E. Jefferson on an "Robbery Armed." Due to the officers' quick response and investigation, the known assailant was located, arrested, and charged with "Larceny from Person and Habitual 4th."

Chief Barren introduced Cmdr. Davis and Mr. Hayes of 911.

I. Hayes gave an overview of 911, its operators, number of calls, and priority calls.

SEE ATTACHMENT

Comm. Ramirez asked how often are the officers at the District's front desk trained when to call 911.

Cmdr. Davis stated it is covered through their basic training.

Comm. Ramirez stated she called the district to report a vandalized vehicle and the officer stated that he would call 911 to dispatch a car after she explained the circumstances to him.

Cmdr. Davis asked if he transferred her to 911.

Comm. Ramirez stated no, he called himself.

I. Hayes stated it depends on how long the car was there.

Comm. Ramirez stated it happened between 11pm and 7am, and that she didn't think 911 should have been called.

DC Powers stated she did handle the situation appropriately and the department did not, but is in transition for changing that culture.

Comm. Ramirez stated maybe some basic training is needed.

DC Powers stated all of the Districts have abandoned vehicle officers and that person could have responded to that call.

Cmdr. Davis stated that information could have also been put on the abandoned auto sheet.

Comm. Ramirez stated he might have did that after she hung up, but he still thought it was a 911 situation.

Comm. Griffin asked has this presentation been given to City Council, and has this information been shared with the citizens of Detroit, because the public needs to know their impact on 911.

Cmdr. Davis stated they haven't given a presentation to City Council but it has been given at some community meetings and they have to do a better job educating the citizens.

Comm. Griffin stated for Exec Dir Goss to work with the Chief of Staff and try to get a date to go before City Council because they have a responsibility to the citizens.

Chairperson Holley asked what kind of 911 training do operators receive.

I. Hayes stated they receive 440 hours of training when hired, and they continue to train the operators.

Chairperson Holley stated it doesn't matter how much time they are on the job they continue to receive training.

I. Hayes stated yes.

Chairperson Holley asked if they prepare for a situation before it happens.

I. Hayes stated they try to provide continuous training.

Chairperson Holley stated it would be a wonderful idea to have information cards to pass out at the Board's community meetings and at the churches.

I. Hayes stated at the recent Town Hall meetings they gave a presentation on 911.

Comm. Ramirez asked how long 911 tapes are kept.

I. Hayes stated 90 days.

Comm. Griffin asked if he could explain what was meant by 911 doesn't dispatch cars they are dispatched from the district.

I. Hayes stated 911 operators receive the call, then the call is prioritized, and the dispatcher is the person who dispatches the scout cars.

Comm. Griffin stated you have to state it like that when you are giving instructions to the public.

He stated he will make a copy of the presentation to pass out to all of his parishioners and advised Hayes to give some to Chairperson Holley and the rest of the pastors in Detroit.

Chairperson Holley asked Mr. Hayes how long has he been at 911.

I. Hayes stated since July of 2008.

Chairperson Holley asked what happened to the last person who held that position.

I. Hayes stated she retired.

Chairperson Holley asked for him to explain the process of technicians being in route while the operator is trying to get all of the information.

I. Hayes stated during a medical emergency, a unit is being dispatched while the operators are getting information from the person on the line.

Chairperson Holley stated regarding his stroke, one of the doctor's concern was the time the technicians took to get him to the hospital. The discussion between the operator and technicians was whether or not to take him to the hospital which caused a delay.

Comm. Ramirez asked what happened to the ordinance where the businesses would be charged after a certain amount of false alarms.

Cmdr. Davis stated the department is currently working on some legislation regarding that issue.

Comm. Ramirez stated if a certain zone was going off they will not have a car dispatched.

Cmdr. Davis stated they are trying to develop a process to tell them when it is a false alarm and not a real one.

I. Hayes stated a report is given to each district or precinct that tells them how many times an alarm went off at a residence or business.

Comm. Ramirez stated whenever that legislation comes out, it will be very vital for all businesses.

Comm. Rivera asked if someone has a complaint against EMS who should they call.

I. Hayes stated it depends on if they are calling about the technicians or the call.

Comm. Rivera stated they should call 911, Fire Department or EMS.

I. Hayes stated they will normally call 911, but if it's a technician issue, they will be forwarded to EMS.

Comm. Ramirez stated when her office has a problem with the fire or EMS they meet with them and discuss the situation.

Comm. Rivera stated because a lot of them are stating that the technicians are rude or take too long.

I. Hayes stated if they call 911 regarding the technician, 911 will give them the number to EMS.

Chairperson Holley asked DC Powers if this falls under his command.

DC Powers stated yes, among several other units.

Chairperson Holley asked if all of the units under command have some relationship with each other.

DC Powers stated yes they have some form of communication and relationship.

Chairperson Holley asked if he's the one who determines how many vehicles gets put on the streets.

DC Powers stated he doesn't make that determination, but does advise the Chief on where the shortages are.

Chairperson Holley stated he is under the impression that 200 vehicles have been paid for, and can assist him to get them prepared for the streets.

DC Powers stated they haven't paid for the 200 cars.

Chairperson Holley stated so they haven't been paid for.

DC Powers stated they haven't been paid for or ordered because of some vendor prototype issues.

Chairperson Holley asked how this Board can assist the department in getting these cars.

DC Powers stated they have a meeting with the vendor on Tuesday to work out some of the details.

Comm. Ramirez stated this Board knows that you need more technicians to work on the computers in the patrol cars. So during their Budget talks there have been discussions that the department needs more manpower.

DC Powers stated there are police officers who function in the role of video technicians.

Comm. Ramirez stated too much work is falling on those two people in that unit. She stated the Board asked for the information as to why your department needed that increase and wanted to know if that information has been forwarded.

DC Powers stated yes, to the Chief's office.

Comm. Ramirez asked if this could be brought back to see where the report is.

DC Powers stated he would like those additional personnel.

Comm. Ramirez stated this is the time because they are discussing the Budget.

She asked Exec Dir. Goss to do a follow-up on his report.

Chairperson Holley asked DC Powers has he ever made a presentation directly to the Board.

DC Powers stated no, he makes it to the Chief.

Comm. Ramirez asked to have the report brought back in two weeks or sooner.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comm. Griffin stated he has two reports on the Budget, one for the Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC) Budget and the other for the Detroit Police Department (DPD) Budget.

He stated with respect to the Board of Police Commissioner's Budget they have requested 14 additional people to be primarily added to the investigative unit. That report was made to the Budget department and stated to them that the Subcommittee will go to the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) and find out if there was a smarter or better way of doing the investigations. That was done the same day. The entire department got together to brainstorm on how they can do a better job on the investigations. A flowchart will be put together to show how labor intensive the process is.

Much of what they do has been mandated by the Consent Decree and other practices that are really outdated. A flowchart will show the process from the time a citizen makes a complaint to the time it gets resolved. Hopefully out of this process, they can find a smarter way to respond to citizen complaints, and continue to use the same quality. As a result, he will be able to state to those who make the decision that if you don't change it, then it will be business as usual. The Deputy Mayor stated that he will go to the Monitor and the Department of Justice if necessary. Benchmarks are being put in place to see what other investigative oversights are doing around the country.

He stated with respect to DPD, a document has been put together and given to the Chief, Assistant Chief and 2nd DC Tolliver on some questions and issues that need to be raised regarding the department Budget.

He stated this Board is not in an adversarial relationship with the department, the administration, community or City Council. It's the Board's job to be the watch person, to ask the questions and drive the process to get the problems reconciled.

The question to the department is for them to explain what they need and why they need it. It is clear that the department must have a strategic plan for how they are going to address crime in the city from a preventive nature and resolution nature. There has to be a plan in place. Part of the problem is that for the last 13 years there have been six Police Chiefs and probably as many reorganizations. That can not continue because it will have an effect on what this Board and department does.

If there's a strategic crime fighting plan, then the Budget needs to reflect that plan. If this approach is taken, then the decision makers will be forced to make a decision based on the level of crime that they want dealt with.

It is ridiculous to take a blanket 10% salary cut without any regard or any intelligent information on how you are going to fix the problem. If they don't like what I'm saying, they can take the badge back. Everyone who supports the Chief needs to stand behind him and state this is our plan and this is why this was put in place and this is what they need. It is clear, depending who gets elected the city can very well have another Chief or two and this has to stop.

It's bringing division and a lack of control and all the other things that the citizens complain about. The Budget is just a symptom to the larger issue. It has to be put in place so that it can effect real change. Until this happens, we will all be coming back week after week discussing the same old issues. There will be detailed documentation for the next steps in the Budget process.

Chairperson Holley stated there are two promotions before the Board.

- 1. PROMOTIONS: Request for promotions to the rank of Deputy Chief**
- 2.**

Comm. Ramirez stated Cmdr. Moreland has no disciplinary on his record.

Cmdr. Herbert Moreland

MOTION: Griffin

SECOND: Rivera

DC Moreland thanked everyone for his appointment.

Comm. Ramirez stated Cmdr. Tolbert has no disciplinary on his record.

Cmdr. James Tolbert

MOTION: Griffin

SECOND: Rivera

DC Tolbert thanked everyone for his appointment.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION: MS DEBORAH MONTGOMERY

MOTION:

SECOND:

2. RESOLUTION: MS CAROL KENNEDY

MOTION:

SECOND:

3. RESOLUTION: MR JOSE MULCHI

MOTION:

SECOND:

1. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ALLOW PRODUCTION COMPANY TO FILM A MOTION PICTURE TITLED "BETTY ANNE WATERS"

On **March 4, 2009 through May 1, 2009**, Innocence Productions is scheduled to film a motion picture titled "Betty Anne Waters" set in the city of Detroit. The Detroit Police Department is requesting permission to allow the film company to use areas in 1300 Beaubien and unused vintage office equipment to dress a mock police station, and vacant office space.

Upon your approval, uniformed personnel from Tactical Operations will be on site to facilitate film crews, parking, and equipment during filming. Innocence Productions will reimburse for all Police Services (including overtime) incurred by the Department.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this project.

Comm. Ramirez asked how many officers will be assigned to this filming.

Lt. Wilson stated one or two officers.

MOTION: **Comm. Rivera** made the motion to approve the Request.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Ramirez stated on March 5, 2009 she will be retiring from the Board of Police Commissioners and it has been a pleasure to serve.

Chairperson Holley stated to Comm. Ramirez that she will be missed. He also stated that Dir Ducker will also be retiring. He asked Dir Ducker if she wanted to say something.

Dir. Ducker stated she has been an employee for the city of Detroit for 26 years and the police department has welcomed her with open arms and she will truly miss everyone.

Chairperson Holley stated there will be a reception for Dir. Ducker on Friday, February 28, 2009 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

8. OLD BUSINESS

See standing committee reports.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 26, 2009
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

T. Morris thanked Comm. Ramirez on her commitment to the citizens of Detroit.

E. Moore stated that has heard the issues that were raised today and will take them back to Councilman Kwame Kenyetta.

P. Hernandez thanked Comm. Ramirez for all of her hard work regarding the towing issues.

J. Semma thanked Comm. Ramirez as well.

J. Golston stated since she was here last, the police busted her door down again.

Chairperson Holley stated he went by the house and saw that the door was kicked in and he feels somewhat responsible.

Chief Barren stated he is aware of the situation but isn't aware of the second raid on her home.

He asked if they were Detroit Police Officers.

J. Golston stated they stated they were.

DC Moreland stated he will take a statement from her and give a report back to the Board.

Chairperson Holley stated for Ms. Golston to speak to DC Moreland.

Chief Barren stated it needs to be verified that these are Detroit Police Officers that are actually doing this and not imposters.

T. Stidham asked about the status of the RFP for towing.

Atty. Washington stated they had a meeting with some members of the Task Force and there is no RFP being issued.

T. Stidham stated that was printed in the Mayor's State of the City report.

Chairperson Holley there were thirteen other things he had in there, but that doesn't mean that they will take place.

R. Scott thanked Comm. Ramirez for her time served as well.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb